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SUBJECT: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK: EC OFFER TO GRANT FUNDS FOR
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS

REF (A) MANILA 19081, (B) EC BRUSSELS 11052 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION OFFICER DISCUSSED WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS
TENTATIVE EC AGREEMENT TO GRANT ABOUT \$1.9 MILLION TO ASIAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) PROGRAMS.
OFFICIALS WHO WERE RECENTLY IN MAILA ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED
WITH ADB'S OPERATIONS. THEY SAY THAT COMMISSION DOES NOT HAVE
THE STAFF RESOURCES TO ADMINISTER A NUMBER OF SMALL LOANS TO
THE ASIAN COUNTRIES AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE TURNED TO ADB.
AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE EC TENTATIVELY PLANS TO INCREASE
NEXT YEAR ITS AID TO NON-ASSOCIATED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE
OFFICIALS ADD THAT EC MIGHT CONSIDER GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL
\$4-5 MILLION TO ADB FOR TA ACTIVITIES NEXT YEAR.

2. WE AGREE WITH USADB THAT IT SEEMS NECESSARY TO VIRTUALLY
TIE THIS AID. EC REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT, EXCEPT IN SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCUREMENT GENERATED FROM EC FINANCIAL AID BE TIED
EITHER TO MEMBER STATES OR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NAC AGENCIES
MAY WISH TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE FUNDS WILL BE GRANTED
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AND THAT THIS CREDIT OPENS THE DOOR FOR POSSIBLE FURTHER

EC ASSISTANCE TO ADB. MISSION ALSO SUPPORTS FAVORABLE NAC
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